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Dear Probation Oversight Commissioners,

My name is Edith Macias and I am Advocacy Coordinator and Storyteller for the Arts for Healing and Justice Network. My comment is about the Citation Diversion Program overseen by Probation. Back in 2019, Black and Latinx youth made up a huge percentage, 86% of the referrals to CDP and were disproportionately referred to CDP. I, like many others who work alongside the youth of LA, know that this is no coincidence and that this is a result of decades of structural racism and super predator policies that continue to plague Black and Indigenous youth. I am particularly drawn to state that, in not putting an end to the Citation Diversion Program, probation is indirectly admitting to being in favor of devaluing youngness, stripping Black and Indigenous kids of their youth, and seeking any excuse to funnel youth into prisons. Who are you doing it for? There is so much proof that Probation and this program are doing nothing more than harming our communities. CDP needs to end now.

Thank you!

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In Community,
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